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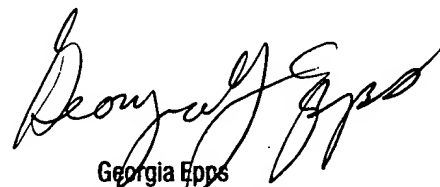
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Applicant's letter of 26 June 2001 has been received. The examiner concurs with the contents of said letter, wherein it asserts that a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) was not filed in association with the above-captioned application. Consequently, the box indicating that such a claim had been made on the "Notice of Allowability" (PTO-37) mailed to applicant on 6/26/2001 was checked-off in error to indicate that such a claim had been made by applicant. The examiner apologizes for any confusion that may have resulted from this error.


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